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The Position Of A Marine Seismic

Streamer

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 24, 200

Applicant files this Response to the Final Office Action mailed September 24, 24 having a three-month period for response set to expire on December 24, 2001. The follow remarks and amendments are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A control device for controlling the position of a marine seismic streamer, the device comprising:

a body mechanically adapted to be connected in series between two adjacent sections of the streamer;

sensor means in the body for determining its angular position in a plane approximately perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the streamer;

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